Knew Oswald, Ruby in Illinois, Declares Prisoner

Witness, Not Identified, Avoids Newsmen

A Parish Prison inmate has told District Attorney Jim Garrison's office twice that he knew both Lee Harvey Oswald and Jack Ruby in Illinois.

This revelation came Tuesday in the DA's probe into the assassination of President John F. Kennedy.

The prisoner, who was not identified, was taken from the prison late Monday afternoon to the basement of the Criminal Courts building at Tulane and Broad and brought up to Garrison's offices through a basement elevator, avoiding newsmen congregated in the hall outside the office.

D.A. AWAY WEEKEND

He was first questioned by Garrison's staff last week.

Garrison himself reportedly was out of town over the weekend. A secretary in his office said Tuesday afternoon that he was in town but not in his office.

The prisoner said that when he was in Illinois, he knew both Oswald, accused presidential assassin, and Ruby, who shot Oswald two days after the death of the President. He also claims he has pictures in his possession of both men.

No subpena has been issued for the prisoner.

Clyde Limbaugh, 52, who said he worked as a singer in Ruby's nightclub for three years, went into Garrison's office Tuesday morning and emerged shortly thereafter.

'UNRELIABLE'—GURVICH

William Gurvich, Garrison's chief investigator, said Limbaugh is "totally unreliable. He came to us of his own accord."

Limbaugh had earlier told newsmen he had been subpenaed, but a check showed that he had not been.

Five men have been subpenaed thus far in Garrison's probe and one of them has been arrested.

Clay Shaw, former managing director of the International Trade Mart, was charged last Wednesday with participating in a conspiracy to murder John F. Kennedy.

The most recent subpena issued was to J. B. Dauenhauer Monday. Dauenhauer once was an assistant to Shaw at the ITM and had served with him in France during World War II.

LEAFLET HANDOUTS

Oswald had handed out "Fair Play for Cuba" leaflets outside the old Trade Mart building in the summer of 1963.

Shaw had told newsmen that he had "never seen or spoken to Oswald" and could not recall knowing anyone who ever knew him.

In an application for a warrant to search Shaw's French Quarter apartment last week, Garrison alleged that Shaw, Oswald and pilot David W. Ferrie met at Ferrie's house and conspired to kill Kennedy.

Shaw has been released on a $10,000 bond.

Ferrie, whom Shaw denied knowing, died Feb. 22 while under investigation by Garrison's office. His death was attributed to natural causes by the Orleans Parish coroner's office.

RULES FOR PRESS

Gurvich said Tuesday that special rules for the press will be set up for a preliminary hearing for Shaw, which is set for next Tuesday before Criminal District Judge Bernard J. Bagert.

He said the hearing will be open to the press, but "no shuttling back and forth will be allowed."

Seven seats at a special table will be reserved for the following news media: The Times-Picayune, The New Orleans States-Item, The Associated Press, United Press International, the Columbia Broadcasting System, the National Broadcasting Co. and the American Broadcasting Co.

Judge Bagert said he will also set aside "a certain number of seats for the rest of the press" and will probably have about 50 special cards printed for representatives of news media.

CASH CONTRIBUTIONS

"Truth or Consequences Inc.," a businessman's fund to aid Garrison's probe, reported that contributions are coming in from all over the country.

Joseph M. Rault Jr., one of the men who instigated the fund, said Tuesday that he has not received one critical letter.

Rault said he doesn't know exactly how much money has been received by the fund because he has just returned to the city.

"A kid from Michigan University sent $5 and a secretary

from New York sent $25 and a nice long letter. Some letters don't even have any address, they just say 'To Joe Rault, New Orleans.' I don't know how they get to my office."

Rault said the letters number in the hundreds and that the money comes unsolicited.

He said a group of businessmen has agreed to finance the investigation for five years if necessary. The fund enables Garrison to send investigators around the country without giving away the locations of clues they seek.

Public Should Know Fund Sources--ACLU

The American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana said Tuesday that all sources of private funds being used to help District Attorney Jim Garrison's probe into the death of President Kennedy should be made public.

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The ACLULA issued the following statement:

"The American Civil Liberties Union of Louisiana has no criticism of privately-sponsored efforts to combat crime (e.g. the Metropolitan Crime Commission) but when a public official is financed in his official duties by private sources, the general public is entitled to an immediate and complete detailing of those sources.

"The alternative is to encourage speculation that a public official may be spending his time for private interests and pet projects of private citizens, to the detriment of his official duties.

"The Civil Liberties Union has criticized the prejudicial pre-trial publicity surrounding the current investigation by the Orleans Parish district attorney's office into an alleged conspiracy to assassinate the late President John F. Kennedy. We reiterate our belief that the investigation itself may be an entirely proper undertaking.

"But widespread specu

by the news media to the effect that a major national magazine is helping finance an investigation carried on by local public officials further indicates the need for a public accounting of all sources funding the investigation. If indeed such a magazine is supplying the district attorney's office with funds, that magazine is open to criticism for having a vested interest in the prejudicial pre-trial publicity of recent weeks."